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LOCAL INDUSTRY STILL SLOW;
INSTRUMENT STORES, REFRIGERATOR UNITS OPENED

ARMENIAN LOCAL, COOPERATIVE INDUSTRY LAGS -- Kommunist, No 140, 16 Jun 49

During the first 3 years of the postwar Five-Year Plan Armenian local and cooperative industry achieved significant results in increasing the output, broadening the assortment, and improving the quality of consumers' goods. Local industry increased output more than 600 percent and industrial cooperatives almost 100 percent since 1940. The 1948 plan was exceeded by both local and cooperative industry.

At present, however, these industries are lagging in many rayons because of the inadequate attention given to them by rayon soviet executive committees. More than 20 industrial cooperative combines have failed to complete their plans for first 5 months of 1949. Particularly backward are the industrial cooperative combines in the following rayons: Aparanskiy, completing 48.7 percent of the 5-month plan; Megrinskiy 83.5 percent, Kotayskiy 22.1, Aginskiy 55.7, and Kafanskiy 63.

CONSUMERS' GOODS PRODUCTION POOR -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 126, 31 May 49

Local industry and industrial cooperatives in Primorskiy Kray are not meeting the growing needs of the population for consumers' goods. The assortment of goods is extremely limited, quality is poor, and costs are high. The Kray's markets and stores rarely carry many household articles which could easily be produced from local raw materials and industrial waste products from union enterprises. Few pots and pans, furniture, children's toys, stationery, and dyes are produced.

One of the main reasons for such conditions is the low technological level of the enterprises of local and cooperative industry. The modern machinery which has been provided is not used effectively. Production organization is slipshod, which results in low labor productivity.

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MACHINERY, INSTRUMENT STORE OPENED -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 111, 8 Jun 49

A new store of the Ministry of Machine and Instrument Building USSR has been opened in Frunze. The store has a wide selection of laboratory equipment, dishware, Pyrex glass, instruments, measuring instruments, as well as typewriters, sewing machines, and adding machines. There is also a large selection of watches and clocks, including alarm clocks.

The store accepts orders from organizations and educational institutions for laboratory equipment and all kinds of instruments.

NEW STORE OPENS IN YEREVAN -- Kommunist, No 134, 9 Jun 49

A large specialized store of the Ministry of Machine and Instrument Building USSR has been opened in a new building on Marx Street, Yerevan. It sells laboratory equipment, precision measuring instruments, typewriters, adding machines, sewing machines, watches and clocks, and various household items. The store receives large shipments of new models of precision instruments, optical instruments, and other articles which are being sold in Yerevan for the first time.

During a period of 5 days, the commodity turnover of the store amounted to 82,000 rubles. Large amounts of laboratory equipment and instruments were purchased by the Yerevan Polytechnical Institute imeni Karl Marx, the bichromate plant, the State University imeni Molotov, the zoological-veterinary institute, the First Shoe Factory, the Armenian pedagogical Institute imeni Kh. Abovyan, and others. The store has received orders from various enterprises and institutes amounting to over 400,000 rubles. During a 3-month period, the store will receive goods worth about 3.5 million rubles from Moscow and other cities of USSR.

VLADIVOSTOK INCREASES FOOD PURCHASES, INSTALLS REFRIGERATOR UNITS -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 119, 22 May 49

During 1949, the Vladivostok City "Kooptorg" (Cooperative Trade) is making large purchases of consumers' goods in Siberia and Kazakhstan in order to expand its network of stores and trading enterprises. Three carloads of cabbage have been bought in Siberia, 3 carloads of dried fruit in Alma Ata, and 3 carloads of eggs in Krasnoyarsk. Large quantities of canned vegetables, vegetable oil, and meat have also been purchased.

Krasnoye Znamya, No 120, 24 May 49

Trade organizations in Vladivostok have started construction of small refrigerator installations in which supplies of goods needed for daily trading will be stored. The installation in Special-Food Store No 1 will have a capacity of 70 tons and that in one of the stores of "Vladtorg" will have a capacity of 40 tons. A freezing compartment with a temperature as low as 20 degrees below zero will be installed in each unit. Food frozen in these compartments will be transferred for storage in other installations where the temperature is maintained at 8 degrees below zero.

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